

## **Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee - January 31, 2003**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Vice-Chair Kipp in Chair Stamsta's absence.

**Present:** Vice-Chair Mareth Kipp, County Board Supervisors Kathleen Cummings, Joseph LaPorte, David Swan

**Absent (notified):** Chair Duane Stamsta, County Board Supervisor Dawn Fanfelle

**Absent:** County Board Supervisor Keith Harenda

**Staff Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Legis.Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

**Also Present:** Emergency Management Coordinator Jim Malueg, Sheriff Dan Trawicki, Deputy Inspector Steve Marks, Sr. Financial Analyst Mike Baniel, Holly Patzer of Wisconsin Correctional Service, County Board Supervisors Hank Carlson, Duane Paulson, Rodell Singert

### **Approve Minutes of December 6, 2002**

**Motion:** LaPorte moved, second by Swan, to approve the minutes of 12/6/02. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

### **Consider Proposed Ordinance: 157-O-115 Approve Application for and Acceptance of FY-2002 Domestic Preparedness Sub-Grant Funds and Modify the Waukesha County Emergency Management's 2003 Budget to Appropriate Grant Expenditures and Revenues**

Malueg explained the ordinance which allows the Emergency Management office to apply for a federal allocation of grant funds of \$168,078 to obtain domestic preparedness equipment for Waukesha County and several municipalities. Half of the money available will be used for projects in the Courthouse complex which include the enhanced security system to lock down many of the doors, provide two public entrances, provide a card access system to employees and after hours access to the building, video cameras at two public entrances and loading dock, and all necessary door hardware for the other doors to monitor any breach in security of the building. The other project is to update the panic alarm system and wire it to a computer in the Sheriff's Department. Funding will also be used to provide for a fence or gate at the courtyard between the Courthouse and Administration Center to provide security in that area. In addition, grant funds will be used to obtain various protective equipment for police and fire departments throughout Waukesha County. They also will be addressing some of the 800 trunking system problem areas where it has been difficult to transmit/receive radio communications. Ten amplifiers and feed lines will be put in problem areas, particularly at Oconomowoc and Muskego High Schools, and the Waukesha County Justice Center, Courthouse, Administration Center, Health & Human Services Building, and Central Dispatch Building.

A long committee discussion continued as Malueg reviewed the list of equipment needs and costs -- physical security enhancement equipment, inter-operable communications equipment, personal protection equipment, and WMD technical rescue equipment. The grant funding is being used for one-time equipment purchases for the county and for local response agency fire and law enforcement departments. The funding does not require a local match and is available for use through December 31, 2003. Malueg stated the intent and purpose of the grant is to enhance the response capability of the first responders and by purchasing the aforementioned equipment will enable them to do so. Departments have wanted these items for a long time but local funds were not available.

**Motion:** Cummings moved, second by Swan, to approve Proposed Ordinance 157-O-115. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

### **Discuss and Consider the Inclusion of a Firing Range in the Jail Addition Project**

**Motion:** LaPorte moved, second by Cummings, that the Judiciary Committee advises the Public Works Committee of their support for the inclusion of a firing range in the Jail Addition Project.

LaPorte stated he is in favor of a firing range but not at this location. He would like to see it out on former Supervisor Meissner's farm or any farm area. He feels it does not belong here because it would be very, very noisy.

Swan stated evidently the Sheriff's Department sees a need for a better facility but he would like to see more information that the need exists. Swan went on the tour to the firing range in Franklin and said he could smell gun powder after only 30 rounds. What would it be like when it is used all the time? The noise was noticeable because of the high velocity fans but maybe there is technology to address this. Regarding the site location if it is between here and WCTC, Swan said it makes more sense to put it out at WCTC. He agrees with including the firing range as an alternate in the bidding process to find out the costs.

Cummings stated she also went on the tour to see the firing range. She indicated that the Sheriff in his report has demonstrated a need county-wide. When you have to shoot at the size of quarter in a hostage situation you have to be able to hit the target so you don't want to skimp on the training. She stated in talking with the Deputy Chief of Waukesha, he told her that they support the county's effort to add another firing range. LaPorte said he also talked to the Deputy Chief who conveyed the same message.

Kipp allowed Supervisors Paulson, Carlson and Singert to speak. Paulson said the location being discussed in Waukesha is in his district so he would be the supervisor receiving complaints about the noise and air pollution. He said the firing range should not be that close to any homes. Carlson agreed that the firing range is needed but not in this location. Singert said he also went on the tour to Franklin. The smell did not bother him but there was only one shooter. He said he is toying with the idea that the alternative should be bid in order to see what it will cost. This will help the Board make a policy decision and a budget decision later on. Kipp said it will be bid as an alternate, as well as the enhanced structure of the roof for the second floor which will allow either classroom space or more cells if needed. **Motion defeated 0 - 4.**

### **Status Update of Community Service Work Program**

Patzer distributed a packet of information for the committee's review. She stated the program has been up and running since the fall of 1998. Every year the program has improved and continues to escalate in regard to the Huber component. The Department of Corrections area (Probation and Parole) is fairly steady with a caseload of anywhere between the mid 90's to 120 or so. She stated the program really needs a full-time person, but at this time a lot of resources are being used from other programs to keep it going. The program position of caseworker has been increased from 24 to 29 hours in 2003, which is just short of a full-time position. The Huber component of the program has increased 300% in the amount of hours worked by clients since 2000. There were 33,377 hours worked which resulted in 1,329 jail days saved. Patzer stated the cost of the program by the county is a little over \$17,000, which is really more than paid for in jail days saved.

### **Update on Criminal Justice Collaborating Council**

Krahn stated the council is making progress in regard to organizing. They are still in that mode, as new as they are, adjusting to each other and also establishing their meeting schedule. District

Attorney Paul Bucher, a member of the council, apprised everyone of the open meeting laws at the last meeting. The council is also filtering through lots of names of individuals who are interested in serving on some of the standing committees (9 members) or any number of sub-committees, depending upon the need. The search for a coordinator is on-going. There also has been some discussion about the necessity and importance of the council having a strategic planning process in place. Krahn said that enthusiasm is high and all members were present at the last meeting.

### **Legislative Update**

Krahn stated there are a couple of bills of interest to this committee – AJR 10 (4 year terms for constitutional officers), and a bill that will be introduced next week on enhanced 9-1-1. It looks promising and would provide funding to PSAPs (Point of Service Answering Points – Dispatch Centers) to handle enhanced 9-1-1 calls. The State budget will be released on February 18.

### **Correspondence/Meeting Approvals**

Kipp addressed the following items:

1. Letter to Judge Bohren from the Office of the State Public Defender in regard to professional visitation for the Waukesha County Jail expansion project.
2. Information on the WCA Educational Seminar – “Issues Facing County Jails” on February 24, 2003 in Wausau. **Motion:** Swan moved, second by LaPorte to approve committee attendance to the seminar on 2/24/03. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**
3. Nov/Dec 2002 issue of NCJRS (National Criminal Justice Reference Service) catalog.
4. January 2003 issue of MRT (Mobile Radio Technology).
5. Swan apprised the committee of four forums in February regarding Wisconsin’s Criminal Justice System. **Motion:** Swan moved, second by LaPorte, to approve attendance by the committee to the forums on February 6, 13, 20, and 27 at Turner Hall in Milwaukee. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**
6. Swan asked that additional information be distributed to the full Board regarding teen courts.
7. **Motion:** LaPorte moved, second by Cummings, to approve committee attendance for the tour to Franklin to observe the firing range. **Motion carried 4 – 0.**

**Motion to adjourn:** Cummings moved, second by LaPorte, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.  
Motion carried 4 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings  
Secretary

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